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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1923

Town Clerk

EFFIE T. SWINDELL	Term expires 1924

Selectmen

JOHN P. DAY	Term expires 1925
SYLVESTER R. DEAN	Term expires 1924
EARL C. PARKER	Term expires 1926

Assessors

WALTER A. WOODIS	Term expires 1925
JOHN MORAN	Term expires 1924
CHARLES B. DANIELS	Term expires 1926

Overseers of the Poor

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN	Term expires 1924
MORTON F. LINCOLN	Term expires 1926
APPLETON L. NEWTON	Term expires 1925

School Committee

SYLVESTER R. DEAN	Term expires 1924
MINNIE M. DAY	Term expires 1926
WALTER O. BABCOCK	Term expires 1925

Library Trustees

SARA E. BUTLER	Term expires 1926
FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL	Term expires 1924
WILLIAM A. NYE	Term expires 1925

TOWN OF OAKHAM

Cemetery Committee

JAMES P. FAIRBANK	Term expires 1926
JOHN W. DWELLY	Term expires 1924
EDWIN GREEN	Term expires 1925

ONE YEAR TERMS

Tax Collector

EDMUND CODY

Treasurer

JOHN W. DWELLY

Tree Warden

WILLIAM A. NYE

Auditor

JOHN ROBINSON

Superintendent of Highways

CLIFFORD R. KNIGHT

Fence Viewers

CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE
DONALD A. RUTHERFORD
W. WALLACE GRIMES

Constables

CHARLES B. DANIELS
HENRY W. BARTLETT
GEORGE H. MORSE
EVANDER H. GREEN
WALTER A. WOODIS
SAMUEL BRUNO

Measurers of Lumber

GEORGE H. MORSE
SYLVESTER R. DEAN
WALTER A. WOODIS

Measurers of Wood and Bark

CHARLES B. DANIELS
APPLETON L. NEWTON
GEORGE W. DEAN

Field Drivers

JOHN O'DONNELL
FRANK H. BOYD
SARA E. BUTLER

Town Agent

FRANK S. CONANT

Cattle Inspector

HENRY W. STONE

TOWN OF OAKHAM

School Superintendent

JAMES R. CHILDS

Undertaker and Burial Agent

JAMES P. FAIRBANK

Forest Fire Warden

CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the fourth day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at all town meetings except for the election of State Officers, during the coming year.

Article 2. To hear the annual report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

Article 3. To choose one Town Clerk for three years, one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of Poor, one School Committee, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Committee for three years, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, six Constables, shall licenses be granted for the sale of non-intoxicating beverages in this town, all on one ballot. The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 4. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 5. To see what compensation the town will allow the Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Auditor and Constables for the ensuing year.

Article 6. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Article 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to bond their Treasurer and Collector.

Article 8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

Article 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of poor and needy soldiers, as required under Chapter 79, Section 18, of the Revised Laws.

Article 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current financial year, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of moneys as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from date of note thereof, these notes to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 11. To see if the town will appoint some person as agent, to prosecute and defend all suits that may be brought for or against the town in the ensuing year.

Article 12. To see if the town will employ some person or persons to care for the Town Hall, Town Clock, and Library Building for the ensuing year.

Article 13. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the suppression of the browntail moth.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to insure its employees, and make an appropriation for the same, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money for the fire department.

Article 16. To see if the town will accept a deed from William H. Parkman of a cemetery situated on his farm or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand or more dollars towards the Community Park, proposed by the late Henry B. Wright, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to replace the guideboards throughout the town or pass any vote relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies in public places in said town seven days at least before time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

TOWN OF OAKHAM

Given under our hands this twentieth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

JOHN P. DAY,
SYLVESTER R. DEAN,
EARL C. PARKER,

Selectmen of Oakham.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Vital Records of 1923

BIRTHS

Mar. 8 Daughter (Phyllis May) to F. Raymond and Enola F. (Clifford) Thompson, Barre.

Apr. 10 Son (Thomas John) to Walter and Philomena (Dongule) Zelnia.

May 2 Son (Frank) to John and Mary (Stehlik) Bechan.

May 8 Son (William Francis) to Anthony J. and Millie (Stehlik) Bechan.

May 21 Daughter (Shirley Doris) to Nathan W. and Doris A. (Carpenter) Sheldon, Barre.

June 4 Illegitimate.

June 24 Son (Allan Orvis) to Clayton C. and Bernice S. (Carpenter) Cleveland.

July 4 Son (Edwin Hiram) to Edwin H. and Florence A. (Edson) Bullard.

Aug. 10 Son (George Edson) to George H. and Marjory H. (Edson) Lackey.

Sept. 27 Daughter (Katherine Miriam) to Milton A. and Minnie M. (Rutherford) Bullard.

BORN IN WORCESTER

Feb. 4 Son (Richard H.) to Robert C. and Sarah A. (Watson) Dwelly.

TOWN OF OAKHAM

MARRIAGES

Jan.	28	In Spencer, Henry S. Newton, Oakham, to Eleanor H. Worthington, Spencer.
Feb.	3	In Templeton, Nathan W. Sheldon, Barre, and Doris A. Carpenter, Oakham.
Feb.	22	In Barre, Ralph E. Newcomb, Barre, and Ivah C. Cody, Oakham.
Apr.	30	In North Brookfield, William J. Shield, Medford, and Mary Ann Gaffney, Oakham.
June	6	In Chelsea, Herman N. Dean, Oakham, and Julia O. Lee, Chelsea.
Oct.	20	In Spencer, Andre Bracconnier, Oakham, and Florence E. Tucker, Oakham.

DEATHS

			Y.	M.	D.
Mar.	3	John Lackey (13 Mass. Vol. Co. K)	69	2	3
May	5	Frank Bechan			3
July	29	Martha M. Newcomb	71	9	
Aug.	10	Sarah C. Batcheller	92	10	3
Aug.	18	Kate M. Ayres	86	3	18
Dec.	23	Mary G. Gaffney	84	7	24
Dec.	27	Henry B. Wright	46	10	28

DIED IN WORCESTER

Feb.	2	Kenneth W. Dwelly	1	5	25
Feb.	23	Richard H. Dwelly			18

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BROUGHT TO OAKHAM FOR BURIAL

Feb.	12	Henry L. Conant, Barre,	81	6	21
Mar.	21	Watson A. Bushnell, Monson,	83		
May	31	George E. Camber, Revere,	9	2	24
July	5	Mrs. Ellen M. Conant, Barre	82	3	21
Sept.	3	Thomas Winter, Brattleboro, Vt.	83	11	23

LICENSES ISSUED

Combination	60	$120 00
Hunting and Trapping	28	42 00
Citizens' Fishing	9	9 00
Minor Trappers	6	1 50
Non-residents' Combination	2	20 00
Total	105	$192 50

DOGS

Males	80	$160 00
Females	27	135 00
Total	107	$295 00

Respectfully submitted,

EFFIE T. SWINDELL,

Town Clerk.

MRS. HENRY BURT WRIGHT

wishes to express to the town of Oakham her gratitude for the beautiful flowers sent to the service for Henry, and her deep appreciation of the loving loyalty to him.

New Haven, Conn.,
January 21, 1924

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr.

Jan. 1, to cash on hand		$1581 67
Received of Edmund Cody, taxes 1921	$557 44	
Edmund Cody, taxes, 1922	4249 24	
Edmund Cody, taxes, 1923	7462 09	
George H. Morse, taxes, 1920	237 72	
Commonwealth of Mass.		
Income tax, 1923-22-21	110 25	
Income tax, general fund	396 00	
Income tax, school fund	640 00	
School fund	2326 50	
Inspection of animals	18 10	
School superintendent	290 00	
Corporation taxes	119 63	
High school tuition	1320 50	
High school transportation	916 00	
Dog tax	222 51	
State Aid	216 00	
National Bank Tax	4 68	
Soldiers' exemption	4 18	
Highway commission	3102 31	
Town of Rutland	36 00	
Worcester Bank & Trust Co.	3000 00	
Cemetery committee	79 00	
Perpetual care of cemetery lots	149 25	
Rent of Memorial Hall	58 00	
Licenses	5 50	
Sealer of weights and measures	10 31	
Overseers of Poor	1 05	

For dynamite	25	
(1922) Forestry Div. Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths	328 06	
(1922) Boston & Maine R R.	99 25	
Refund on dynamite	2 94	
Highway Div. Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth	40 13	
Charles S. Clifford Cem. fund	50 00	
Henry A. Crawford Cem. fund	125 00	
W. W. & Helen Russell	100 00	
Abner & Alonzo Lincoln	100 00	
State of Mass. reimbursement for loss of taxes	18 62	
State of Mass. vocational education	98 44	
Alfred Parks Wright Fund	23 75	
Library Trustees	15 00	
Interest on Bank Account	30 00	
		$28,115 37

Cr.

By paying Selectmen's orders	$25,372 63	
Trust funds deposited	375 00	
		$25,774 83
Balance in treasury		$2367 74

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

George H. Gould	$100 00
Daniel Dean	100 00
Caroline Maynard	150 00

TOWN OF OAKHAM

Stephen Lincoln	150 00
Charles Fobes	100 00
Mrs. Samuel Ripley	25 00
Mary E. Brown	50 00
Martha M. Macullar	100 00
Fannie W. Kimball	50 00
Weeks & Elliott	100 00
Sumner Reed	100 00
Lewis Haskell	100 00
Lewis Allen	100 00
Jesse Allen	100 00
Ruth H. Robinson	50 00
A. J. Holden	50 00
Lyman Walker	100 00
William Fobes	100 00
Mrs. M. T. F. Rugg	100 00
Henry E. Morse	100 00
William Haskell	100 00
Henry P. Wright	100 00
Laura Burt	100 00
Ann D. Adams	25 00
Hall & Nourse	100 00
A. C. Morse	50 00
A. L. Nickerson	100 00
George Ross	100 00
George N. Briggs	100 00
Mary J. Clark	100 00
Moses O. Ayres	100 00
Horace W. Lincoln	100 00
Wlliam Myrick Presho	50 00
Charles W. Hastings	100 00
Charles B. Green	50 00
W. R. Dean	100 00

J. H. O. Lovell		153 60
Charles S. Clifford		50 00
Henry A. Crawford		125 00
W. W. & Helen Russell		100 00
Abner & Alonzo Lincoln		100 00
Alfred Parks Wright Fund		500 00
Expended	23 75	
Mary Lincoln Alden Fund		5000 00
Income	1174 00	
Expended	303 00	
Income unexpended		871 00
Fobes Memorial Fund		2000 00
Interest		645 49
Library Legacies and interest		1196 57

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN W. DWELLY,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

The Selectmen submit the following report for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1923.

PAID TOWN OFFICERS

Town Clerk

Paid Effie Swindell	$84 00	
Postage	12 10	
		$96 10

Treasurer

Paid John Dwelly	$75 00	
Postage	8 44	
		$83 44

Tax Collector

Paid Edmund Cody	$85 00	
Postage	9 28	
		$94 28

Selectmen

Paid John P. Day	$100 00	
Sylvester R. Dean	75 00	
Earl C. Parker	75 00	
		$250 00

TOWN OF OAKHAM

Assessors

Paid Walter A. Woodis	$63 50	
John M. Moran	64 00	
Charles B. Daniels	28 00	
Postage	95	
		$156 45

Auditor

Paid John Robinson	$50 00

Ballot Clerks and Tellers

Paid Lillian Morse	$5 00	
Katherine Cody	5 00	
Caroline Fairbanks	5 00	
Grace Parker	5 00	
		$20 00

Registrars of Voters

Paid Effie Swindell	$4 00	
John P. Day	2 00	
Sylvester R. Dean	2 00	
		$8 00

Moderator

Paid Charles H. Trowbridge	$3 00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paid George H. Morse	$25 00

Dog Officers

Paid George H. Morse	$15 00

Total for Town Officers	$786 27
Appropriation	$850 00

Overseers of the Poor

Paid Support of Poor	$405 61

School Committee

Paid Support of Schools	$8577 35

Superintendent of Streets

Paid for Highways	$5175 02

Library

Paid for Support of Library	$614 59

Cemetery Committee

Paid Support of Cemeteries	$350 78

State Aid

Paid State Aid	$216 00

Bonds for Town Officers

Paid Massachusetts Bonding Co.		
Collector's Bond	$30 00	
Treasurer's Bond	12 00	
		$42 00

State and County Tax

Paid County Tax	$655 00	
State Tax	1080 00	
State Highway Tax	139 60	
Civilians' War Poll Tax	519 00	
		$2393 60

Worcester Bank and Trust Co.

Paid for Note	$3000 00	
Interest	54 38	
		$3054 38

Opening Roads

Paid for Opening Roads		$1488 61

Insurance of Employees

Paid Frank A. Smith & Son		$77 51

Fire Department

Paid for Fighting Fires		$118 85
Appropriation	150 00	
Unexpended balance	31 15	

Church

Paid George Morse, Treas., repairing church	$50 00

Gypsy Moth

Paid for Suppression of Gypsy Moth	$506 27

Miscellaneous

Paid Mechanics Natl. Bank, Lock Box	$4 00	
William A. Nye, Care of Hall	129 50	
W. R. Dean, Wood	69 50	
Theo. Wardell, Certifying Note	2 00	
Sanford Putnam, Coll. Book	3 30	
Worcester Abstract Co.	10 60	
H. W. Stone, Inspection of Animals	46 36	
H W. Stone, Inspection of Meats	75 50	
George Morse, 4 pr. Handcuffs	6 50	
James P. Fairbanks, Flowers	20 00	
James P. Fairbanks, Death Returns	1 75	
Dr. Douglas, Birth Returns	1 25	
Geo. S. Butler, Supplies	6 39	
Howard Wesson, Town Clerk Supplies	2 90	
Barre Gazette, Printing	154 25	
I. E. Irish, Ins. on Hall	148 32	
Earl C. Parker, Perambulating	3 00	
Sylvester R. Dean, Perambulating	3 00	
George Wakefield, Labor	2 00	
Edson Hapgood	3 30	
W. A. Nye, Care of Hall	35 00	
Sam Bruno, Constable	3 00	

Evander Green, Constable	3 00
Frank A. Smith & Son, Ins.	88 20
F. S. Conant, Supplies	17 73
Hobbs & Warren, Supplies	10 67
W. & L. E. Gurley, Sealers' Supplies	4 77
A. W. Brownell, Assessors' Supplies	7 00
Worcester Industrial School	28 56
Paid State of Mass. general fund 1919	126 51
State of Mass. general fund 1920	482 93
These two items omitted from reports of 1919-1920.	
	$25,372 63

JOHN P. DAY
SYLVESTER R. DEAN
EARL C. PARKER
Selectmen of Oakham

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1920

Dr.

Uncollected taxes for 1920	$191 52	
Interest	46 80	
		$238 32

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts	$238 32

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE H. MORSE,
Collector for 1920

1921

Dr.

Uncollected taxes for 1921	$518 46	
Interest	44 61	
		$563 07

Cr.

Treasurer's receipts	$557 44	
Abatement	5 63	
		$563 07

1922

Dr.

Uncollected taxes for 1922	$4636 51	
Interest	171 92	
George Grimes	5 00	
Orton Butler	5 00	
		$4818 43

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts	$4219 19	
By abatements	70 31	
		$4289 50
		$528 93

1923

Taxes committed to me for collection, 1923:

Dr.

July 2, 1923, Warrant for poll tax	$240 00
Sept. 4, 1923:	
State Tax	1080 00
County Tax	655 00
State Highway Tax	140 00
Town Tax	8615 00
Overlayings	433 96

Interest	5 00	
Dec. 18, Omitted Assessments	13 12	
		$11,182 08

Cr.

Treasurer's receipts	$7462 14
	$3719 94

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND CODY,

Collector.

REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSIONER

MATERIAL, 1923

Paid New England Metal Culvert Co.	$144 00	
E. Perry, work on tools	14 45	
Geo. Butler, oil, paint and grease	3 83	
Good Road Machinery, parts for scraper	4 20	
Lizzie Loring, plow point	1 50	
Waite Hardware, new tools	20 06	
Haven & Carter, coal	23 90	
Texas Oil Co.	580 81	
C. R. Knight, painting scraper, making drag and repairs on tools	11 00	
H. D. Bullard, gravel	41 10	
C. C. Adams, gravel	29 70	
M. F. Lincoln, gravel	3 50	
E. Saunder, gravel	4 00	
Arthur Sagendorph, gravel	2 00	
E. V. Newton, gravel	1 40	
Bert Reed, gravel	3 60	
Robert Dwelly	3 70	
Geo. Briggs	1 40	
W. A. Woodis	11 90	
John Robinson	5 10	
James Gaffney	6 20	
W. R. Dean	6 10	
John Bowen	2 25	
Arthur Spooner	3 40	
Bladius Mecieus	1 30	
		$930 40

PAY ROLL 1923

Paid C. R. Knight	$1011 87	
James Woodis	470 00	
Fred Parkman	761 93	
Frank Parkman	42 40	
David Labonte	506 40	
Nathan Fiske	110 00	
H. D. Bullard	79 00	
M. Winsky	31 50	
Leroy Barr	42 00	
George Hallowell	6 40	
Arthur Spooner	2 62	
W. H. Boyd	352 00	
Joseph Lucas	238 80	
Frank Boyd	76 80	
Robert Briggs	32 80	
Frank Stone	51 20	
Warren Adams	53 50	
P. O'Donnell	24 50	
W. R. Dean	26 25	
Ed Green	12 80	
James Gaffney	29 75	
J. P. Day	8 00	
John Robinson	61 40	
T. F. McGee	60 00	
David Hallowell	3 20	
Albert Briggs	90 00	
Walter Woodis	59 50	
		$4244 62

TOWN OF OAKHAM

Town appropriations	$1800 00	
State appropriations	3375 00	
Received for dynamite	25	
		$5175 25
Payrolls	$4244 62	
Material	930 40	
		$5175 02
Unexpended balance		23

OPENING ROADS

Paid Fred Parkman	$25 81
Frank Parkman	8 60
W. H. Parkman	4 80
Philip Wareing	6 40
J. F. Allen	7 20
William Snay	26 60
Malcolm Crawford	4 38
Henry Crawford	13 70
Alexander Crawford	4 00
Roscoe Crawford	66
F. W. Beckwith	3 00
Louis Stucko	7 42
John Thresher	14 20
Ira Stone	46 30
Pat Ryan	5 80
N. A. Fisk	23 40
George Grimes	14 80
Clarence Grimes	6 40
Ed. Bullard	33 20
William Gaffney	71 24

J. F. Gaffney	80 61
H. N. Butler	19 24
Fred Myska	9 60
Frank Myska	33 80
L. E. Kitchen	24 91
C. C. Adams	70 80
C. R. Nnight	66 37
George Hallowell	13 80
David Hallowell	1 60
M. S. Dean	26 72
Sidney Dean	3 00
Sidney Dean, Jr.	2 20
Bert Reed	41 85
W. G. Mann	21 10
E. W. Mann	5 25
W. H. Boyd	14 25
Percy Wilbur	12 40
Pat O'Donnell	32 48
Dan O'Donnell	6 40
Elmer Willard	22 00
Francis Willard	6 62
John P. Day	38 72
John C. Day	2 50
Geo. Briggs	1 20
A. B. Spooner	1 75
Walter Tucker	2 40
Frank Lupa	48 90
Eddie Lupa	2 75
Stephen Lupa	2 75
James Scott	89 10
John Bechan	3 20
D. A. Rutherford	9 20

Milton Bullard	2 00	
Lena Adams	20 27	
John Wilder	9 60	
H. W. Stone	36 82	
Thos. Moran	23 20	
John Moran	6 80	
M. F. Lincoln	96 04	
John Robinson	10 47	
Wm. Macia	141 20	
D. Lebonte	5 95	
John Dwelly	1 75	
Rob Dwelly	3 60	
Henry Newton	1 60	
A. L. Newton	13 00	
E. V. Newton	47 53	
Thos. Kennedy	2 40	
Joe Rossi	80	
Frank Stone	6 40	
Walter Hall	80	
W. E. Morse	5 60	
H. D. Bullard	3 20	
Peter Yablonsky	3 60	
		1488 61

Respectfully submitted,
C. R. KNIGHT
Superintendent of Streets

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR FOR 1923

Assessment	$11 96	
Dept. of Public Welfare	3 43	
Town of Milton	107 00	
Charlton Poor Farm Assn.	234 63	
Expenses going to Fitchburg, Worcester and Barre	9 00	
W. H. Parkman, services	30 00	
A. L. Newton, services	4 00	
M. F. Lincoln, services and secretary work	5 00	
Postage	59	
		$405 61
Rebate on Board		1 05
		$404 56
Appropriation		$800 00
Unexpended balance		$395 44

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,
M. F. LINCOLN,
APPLETON NEWTON,

Overseers of Poor.

REPORT OF THE CHARLTON POOR FARM ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31,1923

Receipts

Milk	$2413 60	
Eggs	22 10	
Stock	534 00	
Inmates' board	4906 93	
Boarders	1117 48	
Annual assessment	756 05	
Miscellaneous	47 50	
Lime and fertilizer	109 50	
Interest on deposit	6 30	
		$9983 46

Expenditures

C. M. Wheeler and wife	$1200 00
Inside labor	365 00
Outside labor	609 92
Miscellaneous	266 55
Groceries	1259 73
Meat	1086 70
Grain	979 53
Coal	419 92
Oil and gasoline	163 41
Supplies	558 17
Clothing	193 12
Insurance	102 70
Drugs	25 10
Electricity	54 12
Telephone	51 52

Rent and interest	676 06	
Sulky plow	100 00	
Steam cooker	32 00	
Veterinary	48 18	
Medical attendance	46 00	
Blacksmithing	26 25	
Pasturage	60 00	
Stock	80 00	
Seed	33 25	
Tobacco	135 05	
Fertilizer	283 38	
Dues, N. E. M. P. A.	12 80	
		$8868 46
Balance		$1,115 00

Received and Due for Board of Inmates

Ashburnham	$234 63	
Boylston	469 26	
Brookfield	469 26	
Charlton	234 63	
East Brookfield	16 06	
Holden	18 00	
Leicester	595 89	
Millbury	1270 21	
Oakham	234 63	
Princeton	161 63	
Rutland	440 33	
Sterling	293 14	
Westminster	469 26	
		$4906 93

TOWN OF OAKHAM

Total number of weeks for inmates 1089 3-7; for boarders 229 6-7 weeks. No inmates from Auburn, Hubbardston, Holland, Hardwick, Paxton.

Respectfully submitted
WILLIAM H. PARKMAN, President.
LOUIS M. HANFF, Secretary and Treasurer.

Charlton, January 1, 1924.

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Expenditures

Edwin Green, Supt.	$177 00	
W. E. Morse, labor	137 10	
M. D. Jones Co., markers, etc	27 92	
J. P. Fairbank, express	1 46	
J. P. Fairbank, stamps and envelopes	1 10	
J. P. Fairbank, drawing fertilizer	2 50	
L. H. Maynard, fertilizer	3 00	
Midgley Wire Co., posts	70	
		$350 78

Receipts

Town appropriation	$110 00	
Interest from perpetual funds	149 25	
Individual care for 1922	17 00	
Individual care for 1923	49 00	
Individual care in advance for 1924	2 00	
Sale of grave to J. Bechan, Jr	1 00	
Sale of Lot 19, P. G. C. to J. P. Fairbank	10 00	
		$338 25

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DWELLY,
EDWIN GREEN,
J. P. FAIRBANK.

FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Receipts

Town appropriation	$300 00	
Dog fund	222 51	
Wright Memorial Fund	23 75	
Town Librarian	15 00	
		$561 26

Expenditures

Paid Magazine subscriptions	$23 75	
Mrs. Baxter, books	11 77	
Mrs. R. H. Bush, books	3 00	
Mrs. H. Dewey, books	3 40	
George S. Butler, supplies	3 15	
C. H. Parker & Son, supplies	6 00	
John Dwelly, wood	15 00	
Haven & Carter Coal Co.,	174 17	
G. H. Phelps, repairing slate damaged by ice storm	73 22	
W. A. Nye, janitor	151 13	
Mrs. Baxter, librarian	100 00	
Ruth Morse, assistant librarian	50 00	
		$614 59

We wish to thank Mrs. Gifford for the fine volume, "American Women," given in memory of her mother, Mrs. Celia Forbes.

Respectfully submitted,
SARA E. BUTLER,
FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL,
WILLIAM A. NYE,
Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the Fobes Memorial Library:

I take pleasure in reporting the circulation of the Library. The busiest month was July and the largest day March 30, one of the stormiest days of a stormy winter. The list of card holders has been increased by 31 names.

Friends of the Library have been most generous with gifts of books, making possible the following:

Accessions	
Increase by gift	128
Increase by purchase	40
Increase by public documents	8
Total increase	176
Lost	0
Discarded	73
Number of volumes in Library Dec. 31, 1923,	3389

Receipts and Expenditures

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1923	$3 51	
Received for cards and fines	11 68	
Received for old books and papers	9 70	
Total receipts		$24 89
Amount for supplies	$4 85	
Amount for freight	2 85	
Amount for stamps and P. O. box	84	
	$8 54	
Turned over to treasurer	$15 00	$23 54
Balance on hand		$1 35

Periodicals on reading table for 1923: American Magazine, Ladies Home Journal, American Boy, Physical Culture, Country Gentleman, Popular Science Monthly, Etude, Today's Housewife, Good Housekeeping, World's Work, Illustrated World, *Dumb Animals, *Grange Monthly, *Christian Herald, *Missionary Herald, *Farm Journal. *Gifts

We are most grateful to the following for their gifts of books and magazines: Free Public Library Commission, A. L. Gifford, Jennie E. Damon, Kate M. Ayres, Charles M. Packard, Mrs. P. Malcolm, Eva Allen, Emily Rood, Henry Rood, M. J. Mendell, W. Spear, Thomas Coolidge, Grange.

ACCESSIONS

Adult Fiction

The Anglomaniacs
The Awakening of Helena Richie
The Breaking Point
The Brand Blotters
The Bartlett Mystery
The Bar—20 Three
The Bronze Bell
Black Bartlemy's Treasure
Black Wolf's Breed
A Country Doctor
The Clock and the Key
Dere Mable
Dangerous Days
The Dancer in Yellow
The Deluge
From the Valley of the Missing

A Flash of Summer
Fainfalls of Tipton
The Fighting Bishop
God's Country—and the Woman
Gold Hunters
Greenmantle
The Golden Snare
The Gambler
The Great Secret
The Garden of Lies
Heart Break Hill
The Homesteaders
The Hunted Woman
The Heart of Rachael
The Husband's Story
The Judge
Judy of Rogers Harbor
Jungle Tales of Tarzan
Kazan
The Lion's Share
The Leighton Homestead
The Last Million
The Long Lane's Turning
The Luck of Roaring Camp
The Little Lady of the Big House
The Langfords of Three Bars
The Master of the Vineyard
The Man of the Desert
A Man Four Square
Midsummer Madness
Mountain Madness
Maggie Miller
Moon Face

TOWN OF OAKHAM

Nomads of the North
The Need of Change
On the Susquehanna
Poor Dear Margaret Kirby
Prescott of Saskatchewan
The Pirate of Panama
The Phantom Herd
The Purple Parasol
Quabbin
The Range Dwellers
The Ramrodders
The Rose of the World
Red Cottage
Skyrider
The Silence of Mrs. Harrold
The Second Generation
The Soul of a Bishop
The Story of Julia Page
The Story of a Country Town
The Silent Places
She That Hesitates
Six Star Ranch
Sinful Peck
Satan Sanderson
A Son of the Middle Border
The Sherburn Quest
Tarzan the Untamed
Tarzan and the Jewels
Tarzan of the Apes
Wildfire
The Valley of the Moon
The Worldings
The Wisdom of Fools

Non-Fiction

American Families
And They Thought We Wouldn't Fight
The Century Book for Mothers
Death and Its Mystery
Electricity for Everybody
History of the War
Landmarks and Memories of Paxton
Margot Asquith 2 vols
Nathaniel Crocker
Our Conquests in the Pacific
Our Medicine Men
Patriotic Selections
Prisons and Prayers
Personal Memoirs of U. S. Grant 2 vols
Stories of Useful Inventions
Winning Declamations
Woman Voters Manual
Vital Records of Acton, Deerfield, Gloucester, Mendon, Plympton

Children's Books

Adventures of a Grain of Dust
Cracker Joe
Chel
Dusty Star
David Ives
Days of the Colonist
Dog Heroes of Many Lands
A Dutch Boy Fifty Years After
Fortunes of the Indies
Girls of True Blue

A Little Brother of the Bear
The Mouse Story
Memoirs of a London Doll
More Mystery Tales
Og, Son of Fire
Story of Our Constitution
Seizer of Eagles
Silver Shoal Light
Strange Adventures of a Pebble
Tales of Lonely Trails
Tales of Captains and Conquest
Tales of Far-off Days
Voyages of Dr. Doolittle
We All
Wisp, a Girl of Dublin
The Whelps of the Wolf

In closing this report I wish to thank the Board of Trustees and all who by their courtesy have contributed to the welfare of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,
(MRS.) GRACE E. BAXTER

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Receipts

Town—Support of Schools	$3200 00
State return—School fund	2326 50
State return—High School tuition	1320 50
State return—School Superintendent	290 00
State return—High School transportation	916 00
State return—Income Tax, for general school purposes	640 00
Rutland Tuition	36 00
Total	$8729 00

Expenses

School Committee

Paid Thomas C. Baxter, services	$15 00	
Sylvester R. Dean, services	10 00	
Walter O. Babcock, services	10 00	
Minnie M. Day, services	20 00	
		$55 00

Superintendent's Salary and Expense of Office

Paid James R. Childs, salary	$427 50	
James R. Childs, travelling expenses	68 49	
James R. Childs, car fare, phones, express and supplies	11 28	
		$507 27

Teachers

Paid Miss Florence E. Bothwell	$1044 56	
Miss Ethel M. Braman	1044 56	
Miss Ruth E. Butterfield	1044 56	
Mrs. Ruth B. Dwelly	252 00	
		$3385 68

Supplies

Paid Edward E. Babb & Co.	14 63	
J. L Hammett	18 51	
Milton Bradley	5 85	
		$38 99

Books

Paid The Macmillan Co.	$4 00	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	21 21	
F. A. Owen Publishing Co.	8 40	
		$33 61

Care and Cleaning

Paid William A. Nye	$190 00	
For Coldbrook School	42 00	
		$232 00

Fuel

Paid Frank Boyd for 4½ cds. @ $8.50	$34 00	
Frank Boyd for 1½ cds @ 8.50	12 75	
Charles B. Daniels, 6 cds. @ 8.50	51 00	
		$97 75

Sawing Wood

Sawing and throwing in wood at Coldbrook	$8 00	
Sawing wood at Center School	2 25	
		$10 25

Repairs

Paid Charles B. Daniels, painting Coldbrook schoolrooms	$35 20	
C. H. Parker & Son, paint	28 00	
Walter O. Babcock, removing fence	4 00	
Amos Harwood, repairing clock	1 00	
		$68 20

Promotion of Health

Paid Dr. E. S. Douglas, school physician	25 00	
Dr. E. S. Douglas, services of school nurse	25 00	
		$50 00

Grade Transportation

Paid William G. Mann	$400 00	
Morton Lincoln	504 00	
Bert S. Reed	320 00	
John O'Donnell	256 00	
Eldridge Lacount	96 00	
Nathan Fiske	320 00	
Peter Yablonsky	35 50	
		$1931 50

High School Transportation

Paid William Krafve	$47 20	
Patrick O'Donnell	76 00	
Sidney Dean	102 00	
Walter J. Bruce	73 40	
Esther M. Briggs	52 00	
Hazel Briggs	75 20	
John Dwelly	51 60	
J. C. Rutherford	97 20	
C. R. Knight	75 20	
Thomas C. Baxter	51 60	
William H. Parkman	98 40	
Benjamin Atwood	44 00	
Oliver O. Wilkins	24 00	
O. A. Carpenter	24 40	
Edward J. Crawford	24 40	
		$916 60

High School Tuition

Paid City of Worcester	$225 00	
Town of Holden	300 00	
Town of Amherst	30 00	
Town of North Brookfield	80 00	
Town of Hardwick	610 50	
		$1245 50

Miscellaneous

Paid Minnie M. Day, taking school census	$5 00
Total expenditures	$8577 35

Total receipts	$8729 00
Total expenditures	8577 35
Unexpended balance	$151 65

Respectfully submitted,

SYLVESTER R. DEAN,
WALTER O. BABCOCK,
MINNIE M. DAY,
School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Holden, Mass., Dec. 31, 1923

To the School Committee of Oakham:

The sixth report of the present superintendent is presented herewith for your consideration, it being the twenty-fourth in the series since the formation of the present union. The tables that follow indicate the changes since a year ago. We find that the total enrollment has increased from 78 to 90, this being due chiefly to the growth of the Coldbrook school.

We have the same teachers who have served Oakham so successfully in the past and the school work has progressed satisfactorily. A good proportion of our graduates are attending high school and doing excellent work. After careful consideration of the situation in Oakham as compared with other towns it was decided that teachers' salaries should be made to conform to those paid for equal service elsewhere. They should not be determined by the fact of local residence so much as by the question of a necessary replacement salary.

The Age and Grading chart indicates that we have some retardation but very little compared with many other schools and not enough to necessitate the establishment of special classes as mentioned last year. The law requires a special class for retarded children if ten or more are found in the town.

At a meeting of the School Committee held last June it was voted to adopt the eighth-grade system in Oakham schools, thus bringing us into line with the great

majority of schools. This is supplementary to the action of the Committee taken some time ago fixing the entrance age at six years. We are in the process of making the change and another year should see the system in full operation. It is of interest in this connection to note that the law defines a high school as "that part of the school system which gives instruction beyond the first eight grades." In many places practically all the work we are now doing is covered in the first six grades, and the Junior High School represents the work of grades seven, eight and nine, with three years for the Senior High.

In the combined report from the School Physician and the School Nurse you will note very little improvement over past years in the number having some physical defects that might be remedied if attention were paid to the advice of the physician and the nurse. The law requires the employment of both a physician and a nurse. It may be of interest to present briefly some of the duties of the nurse as outlined in a School Journal. Her duties are in the school and in the home. In the school she assists the doctor in routine health examinations, makes class-room inspections in order to detect communicable diseases, weighs and measures the pupils monthly, gives instruction to the pupils in various details of hygiene through talks, demonstrations, and drills for the purpose of establishing right health habits, works to establish clinical facilities for corrective work, keeps complete records of the physical and health conditions of all pupils, works for improvement of sanitary conditions, holds health conferences with pupils and parents. Her duties in the home consist in explaining

the significance of physical defects, in securing cooperation of parents, investigating cases of sickness, and in general in the endeavor to carry over into the home the health teaching of the school. It is obvious that we are not able to accomplish all these things unless we employ a nurse for several days each week, but we should each year endeavor to extend the services of both physician and nurse and make an appropriation large enough to accomplish results.

A law approved last April provides that transportation may be paid for pupils attending vocational schools as well as public high schools, and reimbursement allowed as for the latter. Another law recently passed provides that the State shall reimburse for transportation to high school, three-fourths of the excess above forty cents, but not for any excess beyond eighty cents per day. We are now allowing forty cents per day for transportation and we get this amount back from the State, but this law provides that if we pay more than forty cents the State will pay back three-fourths of the excess up to eighty cents. If we pay eighty cents a day we shall get seventy cents in reimbursement. But this holds good only when a pupil has to travel three miles or more by some conveyance other than steam or electric railway or other public conveyance.

During the past year we have made necessary minor repairs, have hung double roller shades at all the wndows, painted the Coldbrook interior, and cleared away the fence that had broken down. We should have a wire fence to replace the old one and the exterior should be painted. Through the efforts of the pupils at Coldbrook new books have been added to the school

library and new pictures hung on the walls. At both schools there should be swings and see-saws for the younger children. Paper towels and toilet fixtures should be provided at once for both buildings, and I would urge that toilets for the boys be provided in the basement of the Center building. It is not right that they should use the public toilet as at present.

As the stream will not rise above its source so the schools will not exceed the hopes and aims of its supporters—the taxpayers. Shall we not all resolve this coming year to expect big things from Oakham schools and to support them to the limit? With our "book learning" we need to learn the value of money, the dignity of labor, the joy of doing a good piece of work and the happiness that comes from clean living and right thinking.

I am glad of the opportunity again to express my deep appreciation of the friendliness and loyalty of teachers, parents and pupils.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. CHILDS,

Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1922 - 1923

School	Teacher	Training	Began here	Total mem.	Ave. mem.	Ave. atten.	Per cent. atten.
Center Grammar	Florence E. Bothwell	N. Brookfield H. S	1897	25	23	21	91
Center Primary	Ethel M. Braman	Northfield Sem'y	1907	36	33	29	88
Coldbrook	Ruth E. Butterfield	Worcester N. S.	1904	26	22	21	98
Music	Ruth B. Dwelly	Northampton	1909				
				87	78	71	92

REGISTRATION OF MINORS (Census)
April 1, 1923

Children in Oakham	Boys	Girls	Total
Between 5 and 7 years of age	5	5	10
Between 7 and 14 years of age	30	35	65
Between 14 and 16 years of age	10	6	16
Illiterate minors 16 to 21	0	0	0
Totals	45	46	91

ENROLLMENT, FALL TERM, 1923

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Total
Boys	6	6	7	1	2	6	5	9	4	46
Girls	3	4	5	4	8	7	5	5	3	44
Totals	9	10	12	5	10	13	10	14	7	90

PROMOTION BY GRADES, JUNE, 1923

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Total
Full pro.	9	7	5	6	12	8	11	6	7	71
On trial	1	3	0	2	2	1	3	0	0	12
Total	10	10	5	8	14	9	14	6	7	83

TOWN OF OAKHAM

AGE AND GRADING CHART. APRIL 1, 1923

Age	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total
Grade												
I	**4**	**6**	2									12
II		**2**	**6**	1								9
III			**1**	**2**		1						4
IV			1	**3**	**2**							6
V				1	**9**	**3**	2					15
VI					1	**4**	**3**					8
VII							**5**	**4**	3	1	1	14
VIII								**2**	**2**	1		5
IX									**3**	**2**	2	7
Total	4	8	10	7	12	8	10	6	8	4	3	80

ANNUAL REPORT

ROLL OF HONOR

Perfect attendance for FOUR YEARS, except as indicated:

Raymond Crawford (1)

Perfect attendance for ONE YEAR, except as indicated:

Corinna F. Loring
Roscoe Crawford (1)
Charles Dean (½)
Herbert Sullivan
Burton Mullen
Emma Bruno (1)
Barbara Sullivan
Norman E. Baxter
Arthur Braman
Albert Sullivan
Oliver Wilkins
Alla Carpenter
Rose Bruno (1)
Helen Sullivan

Perfect attendance for two terms, except as indicated:

George Macia
Victor Smichinski (1)
William Myska (½)
Edna Dwelly (1)

Perfect attendance for one term, except as indicated:

Anthony Lupa (1)
Stephen Lincoln
Ruth Mann
Vivian Loring
Barbara Bullard (1)
Isabel Daniels
Charles Daniels (1)
William Wareing
Myrtle Reed
Emily Wareing (½)
Ethel Trumble
Katherine Winsky (1)

TOWN OF OAKHAM

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fall Term—Sept. 4, 1923 to Dec. 21, 1923—16 weeks.

Winter Term—Jan. 7, 1924 to March 14, 1924— 10 weeks.

Spring Term—March 31, 1924, to June 6, 1924—10 weeks.

Fall Term—Sept. 2, 1924, to Dec. 19, 1924—16 weeks.

Winter Term—Jan. 5, 1925 to March 13, 1925—10 weeks.

Spring Term—March 30, 1925, to June 5, 1925—10 weeks.

Holidays

January 1, February 22, April 19, May 30, Labor Day, October 12, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN AND SCHOOL NURSE

South Barre, Mass., Dec. 31,1923

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The following is the report of the pupils examined in the Oakham schools:

	Ctr. Gram.	Ctr. Prim.	Coldbrook
Number pupils examined	28	35	27
Number pupils absent	2	4	0
Number with defective teeth	8	9	14
Cases of excessive wax in ears	4	3	1
Cases of enlarged tonsils	2	3	0
Cases of adenoids	2	3	0
Notice sent to parents	11	11	15

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. DOUGLASS, M. D.,
School Physician.

RUTH P. DOUGLASS, R. N.,
School Nurse

TOWN OF OAKHAM

REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Mr. J. R. Childs, Superintendent if Schools:

Dear Sir:—

I herewith submit my report as music supervisor.

During the past year I have given my best effort to maintaining the system efficiently, taking advantage of every opportunity for development.

In general this course is modeled to give the student the power of appreciating the best in music. This is gained through ear-training, voice culture, sight reading and learning of songs.

The songs throughout the course are chosen for their genuine musical worth suitable for children of all ages, well adapted to stimulate a love for good music. They include songs suited for all occcasions, such as songs of the seaons, national and folk songs, and songs of nature and child life. The ultimate ends sought are: Song interpretation and musical appreciation.

The quality of tone which the child is to produce in singing and the vocal habits found are of the utmost importance.

The value of note reading cannot be over-estimated. The attention is given to individual work. Each pupil is trained to rely on himself, to be an independent thinker and doer. This work not only affords excellent training for the individual child, but also aids greatly in raising the standard of the class.

The results have differed according to the pupil, some principles unconsciously becoming more evident than others.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH B. DWELLY

Supervisor of Music

TOWN OF OAKHAM

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that I have examined and approved all bills of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Road Superintendent, Cemetery Committee, Tree Warden, Fire Warden, Library Trustees, and accounts of Moth Superintendent and found them to be correct. I have also examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Tax Collector and found them to be correct.

JOHN ROBINSON,

Auditor.

LIST OF JURORS

George W. Dean, Treasurer
John O'Donnell, Farmer
E. J. Crawford, Salesman
Herman Dean, Laborer
Frank Cheever, Carpenter
Clarence Grimes, Farmer
W. E. Swindell, Farmer

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